

ENTERED

January 10, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

JACQUELINE BARRETT,

Plaintiff,

VS.

COLUMBIA BRAZORIA ISD,

Defendant.


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CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:15-CV-78

ORDER

Pending before the Court is Defendant's Opposed Motion to Bifurcate Trial. Dkt. 95. A trial court "may order a separate trial of one or more separate issues" FED. R. CIV. P. § 42(b). A court may do so "[f]or convenience, to avoid prejudice, or to expedite and economize." *Id.* The decision whether to bifurcate under this Rule is a matter left to the sound discretion of the trial court on the basis of circumstances of the litigation before it." *Alaniz v. Zamora-Quezada*, 591 F.3d 761, 773-74 (5th Cir. 2009) (citations omitted).

Having considered the Motion and the record, the Court finds that maintaining a single trial will not prejudice the Defendant. The Court further finds that bifurcation is neither convenient. Nor will it expedite or economize the proceedings. The Court therefore **DENIES** the Motion.

SIGNED on January 10, 2017 at Galveston, Texas.

George C. Hanks, Jr.
United States District Judge